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Inventor:

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Group Art Unit:

2815

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

SIR:

Applicant requests that the time for taking action in this case be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) for:

[] one month

[] three months

[X] two months

[] four months

The fee set in 37 CFR 1.17 for the extension of time is \$420.00.

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[] Applicant is a small entity entitled to pay reduced fees in this application. A verified small entity statement:

[] has been filed

[] is enclosed

Also enclosed is a:

[X] Response to Official Action
[] Notice of Appeal

[] Appeal Brief

Respectfully submitted,

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